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REMARKS

Claims 1-6 and 19 are pending in the above-identified application.

Request for Interview

Applicant's representative respectfully requests a personal Interview with the Patent Examiner in about one month. Applicant's representative will attempt to contact the Examiner at that time to schedule the Interview.

Advisory Action of January 7th

Applicant's representative acknowledges the Advisory Action of January 7, 2005 and would like to address the remarks stated by the Patent Examiner during the Interview.

Conclusion

If any questions arise regarding the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative, Andrew D. Meikle (Reg. No. 32,868), in the Washington Metropolitan Area at the phone number listed below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

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required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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